involved, the new licensing policy guidelines were announced by the Department of Industrial Development, vide their Press Note dated 23.7 1990

**Broad gauge Railway line to Tuticorin**

1053 SHRI M VINCENT Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any pdoposal under Government's consideration to construct a Broad Gauge Railway line to Tuticorin Port from the city and nearby trade centres to enable smooth movement of goods etc for export through the Port,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) by when this work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) to (c) A BG railway line from Maniyachi to Tuticorin-Harbour already exists since April '86 and the work on BG line from Milavittan to Tuticorin (7 kms) is sanctioned as phase-II of Karur-Dindigul-Madurai-Maniyachi project

**Electrification of Jolarpet-Erode Railway track**

1054 SHRI M VINCENT. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that speedy proposals are under Government's consideration for the electrification of Jolarpet-Erode Railway track in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS) (a) and (b) Yes Sir The electrification of Jolarpet-Erode Section is an approved work under progress Electrification between Jolarpet-Morrapur Section (51 RKMs) has already been completed and the work is in progress on the remaining section

(c) March 92

**Mass Rapid Transport System in Madras**

1055 SHRI M VINCENT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the present position of the Mass Rapid Transport System in Madras and the stage at which this project stands now and the steps being taken to speed up the same,

(b) the amount allocated for each year during the last three years, and and

(c) the estimated expenditure to complete this project?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESWAR MISHRA): (a) Physical progress of the project upto 30-11-90 is 40 per cent Following steps have been taken to speed up the project:

(i) Allocation for the project for 1990-91 has been increased to Rs 14 crores

(ii) The State Govt. of Tamil Nadu is being pursued to hand over the balance land required for this project

| (b) Year | Figures in crores of Rupees |
|---|---|
| 1988-89 . | 9 00 |
| 1989-90 . | 9 85 |
| 1990-91 | 14 00 |

(c) Based on the present sanction cost, a further amount of about Rs 66 crores is required beyond 31-3-90 to complete the project